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TAGS: PINT, FR, PGOV

SUBJECT: MARCHAIS DECIDES NOT TO ATTEND CPSU CONGRESS

1. THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ANNOUNCED COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION TO 25TH CONGRESS OF CPSU. IT WILL BE HEADED BY GASTON PLISSONNIER, SECRETARY OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, AND INCLUDE JEAN KANAPA (MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT), MRS. MARIE-CLAUDE VAILLANT COUTURIER AND GUY FERNANDEZ (MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE) AND THEO RONCO (EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE).

2. IN A RADIO INTERVIEW FEB. 15, PCF SECRETARY GENERAL GEORGES MARCHAIS EXPLAINED TERSELY THAT HIS NON-ATTENDANCE "FOLLOWS THE LINE OF THE PCF DURING ITS 22ND CONGRESS." ACCORDING TO AFP, IT IS FIRST TIME A CPSU CONGRESS HAS NOT BEEN ATTENDED BY A FRENCH SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. WHILE MARCHAIS' DECISION SHOULD NOT SURPRISE ANYONE AFTER HIS LATEST ATTEMPTS TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION OF TAKING DISTANCES FROM MOSCOW, HE HAS LOST NO TIME IN MAKING THE POINT AGAIN. ANY SOVIET MESSAGES CAN BE GIVEN TO PLISSONNIER AND KANAPA, BOTH OLD HANDS IN PCF-CPSU LIAISON. BUT MARCHAIS HAS NEATLY AVOIDED ANY SUGGESTION THAT HE MUST REPORT BACK TO MOSCOW FOR ANY DISAGREEMENTS OR BAD MANNERS DURING THE PCF CONGRESS.

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